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## Churchill, Eden In Athens to Meet ELAS Leaders

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By JAMES E. ROOPER  
ATHENS, Dec. 25 (AP)—Winston Churchill and Clement Attlee, British prime minister and foreign secretary, arrived in Athens today to meet with the leaders of the Greek People's Liberation Army (ELAS) in an effort to end the growing internal strife in the country.

Churchill and Attlee are expected to remain in Athens for several days, during which they will hold a series of conferences with the ELAS leaders. The ELAS is a powerful Greek resistance force that has been active since the German occupation of Greece in 1941.

The ELAS is currently engaged in a bitter struggle with the Greek Nationalist Government, which is supported by the British. The ELAS leaders are demanding that the British withdraw their forces from Greece and that the Greek government be reformed.

Churchill and Attlee are expected to be in Athens until the end of the month. They will then travel to Cairo, where they will meet with the British and American military leaders.

## Reds Surround Budapest; Seize Last Rail Escape Route from City

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LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 26 (AP)—The Soviet Red Army is reported to have surrounded Budapest today, cutting off the city's last rail escape route from the city.

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## Germans Throw New Forces Into Drive Toward the Meuse

**American Reinforcements Move Up in Belgium**



Industry of the First Army moves up on a road on the outskirts of a town in Belgium in uniform troops. (AP Wirephoto via United Press photo.)

## Allied Air Armada Joins Bitter Christmas Battle

By JAMES M. LONG

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## Holiday Fatalities Throughout U.S. Total 309

By JAMES E. ROOPER  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (AP)—A total of 309 people were killed in traffic accidents throughout the United States during the Christmas holidays, according to a report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The report states that the total number of deaths was 309, with 150 of them occurring in the last 24 hours of the year.

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## More Than 3,000 N.Y. Butcher Shops to Close Today as APA Protest

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NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (AP)—More than 3,000 butcher shops in New York City are expected to close today in protest against the American People's Association (APA).

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## 10 Army Airmen Killed, 17 Hurt Near Harrisburg To Rescue Yanks In Bastogne

HARRISBURG, Dec. 25 (AP)—Ten Army airmen were killed and 17 were hurt today in a crash landing near Harrisburg, Pa., while en route to Bastogne, Belgium, to rescue the American forces trapped there.

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## Planes, Ships Hit Two for 16th Straight Time

By JAMES E. ROOPER  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (AP)—The 16th day of the year has seen a continuation of the attacks on the American forces in the Pacific, with planes and ships being hit.

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## Attack on Wage Ceiling Planned By Lewis

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (AP)—The American Federation of Labor (AFL) is planning to attack the wage ceiling in the coming months, according to a report from the AFL.

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## 25 Nazi Sub Officers, Men Escape From Arizona Camp

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PHOENIX, Dec. 25 (AP)—Twenty-five Nazi sub-officers and men have escaped from an Arizona camp, according to a report from the Arizona authorities.

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## Quota of 500 Nazi Planes

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## Discover New Oil Field In Northeastern Louisiana

By JAMES E. ROOPER  
LOUISIANA, Dec. 25 (AP)—A new oil field has been discovered in northeastern Louisiana, according to a report from the Louisiana authorities.

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